

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. When strikethrough cannot easily be perceived, or when five or fewer characters are deleted, [[double brackets]] are used to show the deletion. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please CANCEL claims 1-20 without prejudice or disclaimer, AMEND claims 21-22, and ADD new claims 23-30 in accordance with the following:

1-20. (cancelled)

21. (currently amended) A message processing system, comprising:

a judging unit that analyzes a received message, and judges whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message occurred and a requirement relating to a combination of a plurality of messages is fulfilled;

a unit that performs a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if said judging unit judged that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition, ~~including the requirement relating to the time when said received message occurred;~~ and

a passing unit that passes said received message to a standard destination of said received message if said judging unit judged that said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition, ~~and~~

~~wherein said predetermined condition further includes a requirement relating to a combination of a plurality of messages, and~~

~~wherein a content of said process corresponding to said fulfilled predetermined condition is defined in a tag data structure including said predetermined condition including said requirement relating to said time when said received message occurred, and a corresponding processing content.~~

22. (currently amended) A message processing system, comprising:

a processing unit that analyzes a received message, determines whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message occurred and a requirement relating to a combination of a plurality of messages is fulfilled, and

performs a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if said processing unit determines that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition, ~~including the requirement relating to the time when said received message occurred;~~ and

a transmitting unit that transmits said received message to a predetermined alternate destination of said received message if said processing unit determined that said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition.

~~wherein said predetermined condition further includes a requirement relating to a combination of a plurality of messages, and~~

~~wherein a content of said process corresponding to said fulfilled predetermined condition is defined in a tag data structure.~~

23. (new) The message processing system of claim 21, wherein an operation specified by each of the combination of the plurality of messages is different, and the process carried out for each message corresponds to the operation specified.

24. (new) The message processing system of claim 22, wherein an operation specified by each of the combination of the plurality of messages is different, and the process carried out for each message corresponds to the operation specified.

25. (new) The message processing system of claim 23, wherein the process carried out for a first message of the combination of the plurality of messages comprises sending the first message to a specified workstation.

26. (new) The message processing system of claim 23, wherein the process carried out for a second message of the combination of the plurality of messages comprises sending the second message to a designated center for holiday work.

27. (new) The message processing system of claim 24, wherein the process carried out for a first message of the combination of the plurality of messages comprises sending the first message to a specified workstation.

28. (new) The message processing system of claim 24, wherein the process carried out for a second message of the combination of the plurality of messages comprises sending the second message to a designated center for holiday work.

29. (new) The message processing system of claim 23, wherein the operation specified for the process carried out for each message is based on fulfilling a predetermined condition that includes a requirement that the message be received during a specified time period.

30. (new) The message processing system of claim 24, wherein the operation specified for the process carried out for each message is based on fulfilling a predetermined condition that includes a requirement that the message be received during a specified time period.